

MINUTES – AS PRESENT 3/8/16
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION
SHEILA R. TARR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
9400 WEST GILMORE AVENUE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89129

January 12, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Members Present

Albert Delgado
Nicole Benson
Natalie Carter (Arrived at 6:15 p.m.)
Katrina Gaspar de Alba
David Gomez
Diane Kinsel
Brian Krall
Cyndy Mahoney (Arrived at 6:07 p.m.)
Mike Malone
Marisol Montoya (Arrived at 6:24 p.m.)
Becky Nielson (Arrived at 6:08 p.m.)

Members Absent

Shari Lyman
Lois Mack

Demographics, Zoning & GIS

Steve Burda Coordinator III
Tony Weis, Coordinator II

Transportation

Ray Negrete, GIS Coordinator III
John Lockhart, Coordinator IV

Trustee Patrice Tew, District E, Board of School Trustees Liaison to AZAC

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for January 12, 2016.

Motion: Brian Krall Second: Nicole Benson Vote: Unanimous
Natalie Carter, Shari Lyman, Lois Mack, Cyndy Mahoney, Marisol Montoya, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

INTRODUCTIONS

Steve Burda introduced AZAC commissioners, Clark County School District staff and Trustee Patrice Tew. Mr. Burda gave a brief presentation of the AZAC rules, regulations and public input process.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Steve Burda reviewed Attendance Zone Advisory Commission's proposal to adjust the attendance zone boundaries of Edith Garehime Elementary School, and Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School. A new Academy of International Studies Magnet program will begin implementation the 2016-2017 school year at Tarr Elementary School. Students in grades 1-5 residing within the area will be reassigned to Garehime Elementary School, however students will receive priority preference should they apply to attend the magnet program at Tarr Elementary School. Kindergarten students residing within the area will remain zoned to Tarr Elementary School.

Steve Burda called for public input.

Several parents of Garehime Elementary School students spoke of their concerns about additional students attending Garehime Elementary School leading to overcrowding and diminished sense of community.

Several parents of Garehime Elementary School students spoke of their concerns that the many students currently enrolled on Zone Variances would not be able to continue to attend and that their younger siblings would be unable to enroll.

A few parents of Garehime Elementary School students requested that Open Enrollment be allowed for all students currently on Zone Variances and their younger siblings as they reach first grade age.

Two parents of Garehime Elementary School students expressed concern that the additional students who are rezoned to Garehime Elementary School will be those who do not want to attend the International Studies magnet, but are not interested in the Garehime Elementary School special program.

Two parents of Garehime Elementary School students requested that students who move into the Tarr Elementary School zone after magnet registration has closed be allowed to enroll in the magnet program at any time during the school year.

One parent of a Garehime Elementary School student asked that students at Garehime Elementary School be given second preference priority when applying for the magnet program at Tarr Elementary School.

One student at Garehime Elementary School stated she wants to continue to attend Garehime Elementary School.

The principal of Garehime Elementary School suggested sending students from Tarr Elementary School to several schools, rather than one school absorbing all of them. He expressed concern about the time required to obtain additional classroom space, if needed. He wants all students who wish to attend Garehime Elementary School's special program to be able to do so.

One member of the public spoke in favor of all students being zoned to one school, enabling them to feed into a middle school magnet program.

One parent of a Garehime Elementary School student wants to know how years two, three, and beyond will play out in the enrollment numbers.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

Steve Burda informed the public AZAC will make their final zoning recommendations to forward to the Board of School Trustees at the meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Edward Greer Education Center. Zoning recommendations will be voted upon by the Board of School Trustees at the regular board meeting on February 25, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION TO AJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Motion: Mike Malone

Second: David Gomez

Vote: Unanimous

Shari Lyman and Lois Mack were not present to vote.